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TO : Director of Training
THRU : Chief, Operations School, OTR
FROM : Chief Overseas, Operations School, OTR

DATE: 29 April 1959

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #17

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

None to report.

B. OTHER ITEMS:1. DESERT SURVIVAL TRAINING MATERIALS:

Reference is made to page 2, WAR #16, 22 April, concerning OTR's request to the Subsidiary Plans Division, USAF, for subject training materials. After talking with Col. Adams last week, I had attempted to identify the originator of the request to make sure that CIA had not already forwarded a memorandum to the Air Force and, if not, to obtain any additional details for the Air Force's guidance in selecting its most suitable items.

On Monday, 27 April, a Captain [REDACTED], USAF on duty with TSS, called me from Col. Adams' office in the Pentagon. According to Captain [REDACTED] suggestion he had prepared a draft memorandum for the Air Force, setting forth CIA's specific requirements, and had given it to Bill. Bill, who has been at [REDACTED] for the past ten days, told him that he would forward the draft to CH/OS who would prepare it in final form and send it to Col. Adams. Captain [REDACTED] also said he believed it was CH/OS who had discussed the subject with Col. Adams several weeks ago. Both Captain [REDACTED] and I have attempted to locate the draft to which is attached an Air Force regulation covering such requests. If we are unsuccessful today, we will collaborate on a second effort and attempt to expedite its trip to--and through--the Pentagon.

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25X1A9A Mr. [REDACTED], CI Training Officer, visited us on 27 and 28 April to review the glossaries we now are preparing (one for staff personnel, the other for release to foreign services), and we discussed with him the memorandum dated 16 April from the Army Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Mr. [REDACTED] suggested that since the Army memorandum gives rise to several policy questions, it should be discussed with Mr. [REDACTED]. We assured him that the DTR planned to do this. We are now preparing a memorandum for DTR outlining the history of our travail with glossaries and detailing our conversation with Mr. [REDACTED]. We are also preparing an interim reply to the Army for DTR's signature.

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25X1A9A 3. [REDACTED] (See page 1, WAR #14, 8 April)

25X1A9A On 28 April [REDACTED] completed itemization of the 137 papers and charts on communism which [REDACTED] has selected for processing and shipment to [REDACTED], pending his arrival there next month. He will use these materials in conducting courses at several [REDACTED] internal security installations and higher Army schools. After completion of this training, the collection will be forwarded by [REDACTED] for staff use there.

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25X1A6A "Al", who leaves Headquarters 20 May for [REDACTED] tells me that Central Processing has routed him non-stop from Washington to [REDACTED]. According to Al, his longest stop-over is [REDACTED]. The only reason for this long, restful stop [REDACTED] changes planes there. He is scheduled to arrive in [REDACTED] 23/24 May and begin his training program on Monday, 25 May. I pointed out that, besides acquiring an earthy aroma between here and [REDACTED] will be too exhausted to begin a training program. (Even if [REDACTED] has been in [REDACTED] for almost a year, the situation can't have become that desperate!)

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5. BIBLIOGRAPHY ON COMMUNISM FOR THE [REDACTED]

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On 28 April [REDACTED] of CI/ICD relayed to us a request from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. In our subsequent chat with Jean we learned that [REDACTED] chief of station, hoped further to develop his relationship with the [REDACTED] by providing them with a good up-to-date bibliography on communism. The bibliography should consist of about seventy-five books, to include the best available in English, Spanish, German or French, on the theoretical aspects, history, organization and structure, and methods of acquiring power used by the communist movement. [REDACTED] would select from this list books to improve its working library, largely for purposes of reference and to support its training programs. Mr. [REDACTED] working largely through USIA would assist in procuring those books not available in [REDACTED]

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We arranged to have CI/ICD contribute to us their suggestions, after which we will add our own and tap the School of International Communism, as well as the Training Branch Library. The desk understands that we will hardly be able to have the bibliography ready for Mr. [REDACTED] review before he returns to [REDACTED] late next week. As an interim measure they have agreed to have us lend them four existing bibliographies of English and Spanish-language books on the subject for Mr. [REDACTED] to look at.

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We have edited the lectures to a minimum extent and are now reproducing them on ditto so that they will be available to meet possible future needs.

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25X1A9A Mr. [REDACTED] reported on board 27 April to begin work on the handbook. He has been reviewing the nuclear energy material that we had collected with the help of Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9A

25X1A9A [REDACTED] and has made a preliminary list of further materials he will need on the subject. He also was given four overt publications on wartime resistance movements, and our own [REDACTED] 25X1A9A

25X1A9A documents, to read for background. I will accompany [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] to Field Training Base on 4 May for conferences with the staff there and with Messrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A9A

who are taking courses. The basis for the discussions will be the outline for the handbook which Mr. [REDACTED] will meanwhile revise as he considers appropriate. 25X1A9A

The favorable impression that Mr. [REDACTED] made on us on his first visit continues to grow, and we feel that he lends tone to our establishment. 25X1A9A

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25X1A9A April 29 is [REDACTED] last day with us. During this past week he has pored over several more studies selected from

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more briefings scheduled for 30 April, one hour with the FE Records Officer, and the afternoon with C/[REDACTED]. To all intents and purposes his stay in our office is completed. We were happy to have had him with us these four weeks. He has a very sound approach to his job, along with his youthful enthusiasm. He leaves this Friday for his PCS assignment in [REDACTED]

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9. PROPOSAL FOR MERITORIOUS SUGGESTION AWARD:

C/OS referred to us for comment an employee suggestion that a file be maintained as a reservoir of operational ideas and "gimmicks." The FI Staff had passed the buck to OTR on this one, which apparently was submitted by someone who had never seen the

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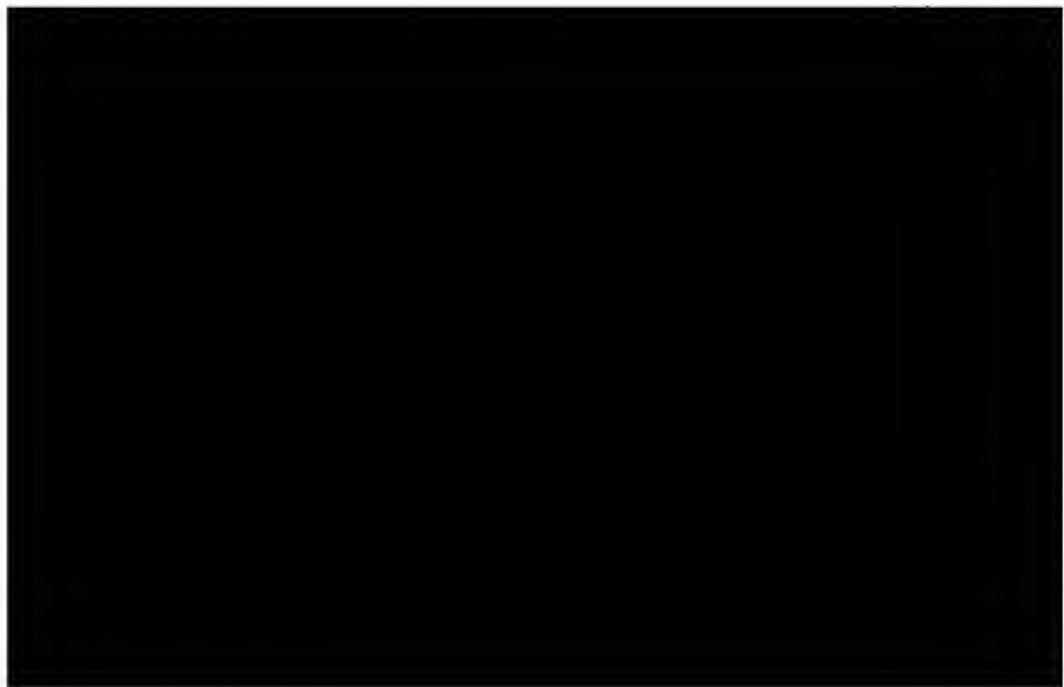
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Tradecraft Guide (or even, it would seem, received any training). Our comments pointed out that OTR had long used this idea. One of the examples submitted to illustrate the idea was the following, which, we are happy to note from FI's deadpan comment, will be preserved for posterity:

"COMMUNICATION

"She gave him a photograph of herself with her body divided into 26 parts. Then merely by standing in front of her window and pointing to various parts of her body she was able to transmit messages to her boyfriend in prison."

10. TRAINING MATERIALS FORWARDED:



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C. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Overseas Training is still engaged in its search for personnel who possess the qualifications peculiar to its needs. My first choice for [REDACTED] replacement is [REDACTED]. We are optimistically hoping we will not have to wait until fall to learn whether he has been accepted in the African program or, if not, whether he would like to work with us. If he is not available, the search will continue.

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25X1A9A Pressure of work requires that we also fill the GS-14 slot as soon as possible. At my request, PO/TR approached Panel A to request [REDACTED] for this position. I have not seen his file, but I have checked him with some of our more reliable sources and he appears especially well fitted to our type activity. However, Panel A's reply was most discouraging. Its reply was that Mr. [REDACTED] cannot be released at this time, but if we are willing to wait an indefinite period (two to six months), possibly some arrangement might be made. In order to obtain the services of an experienced FI case officer, with FI Staff experience, we might--at great inconvenience--wait two months, but a longer period seems unreasonable. It occurs to me that if DTR and C/OS explained our situation to Mr. [REDACTED], he might encourage Panel A to reconsider. A "subtle" appeal to [REDACTED] 25X1A9A [REDACTED] also occurs to me (Jerry is on his staff)--something to the effect that we get our fish or he doesn't get his.

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3. The monthly report to the DDS appears as an attachment to this report.



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